

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Referring to the English translation of the International Patent Application:

On page 5, at line 16, please amend the paragraph as set forth below:

Fig. 1 shows an inventive clothing item 2, preferably for protective and/or military purposes, such as an NBC protective suit or the like, that is equipped with an inventive hood 1. Said hood Hood 1 has a hood body 1a with an edge 1b defining an opening. A circumferential elastic hem 3 is joined to edge 1b to form a face opening.
4. As evident from Figs 3 and Fig. 3A, the face opening 4 is provided to receive a respirator 5. The hem 3 abuts the respirator 5 in the use state.

On page 6, at line 4, please amend the paragraph as set forth below:

The functioning of the sealing element 6 which is provided according to the present invention is illustrated in Fig. 6 in conjunction with Fig. 5. Fig. 6 is an enlarged cross-sectional depiction along the broken line VI depicted in Fig. 5. As can be seen from Fig. 6, in the use state, i.e., when a respirator 5 is being worn, the sealing elements 6 abut the respirator 5 at least essentially linearly together with the hem 3, the hem 3 pressing the sealing elements 6 against the respirator 5. The at least essentially linear abutment of the sealing elements 6 significantly increases the contact pressure and ensures excellent closeout.
With continued reference to FIG. 6 it will be seen that the hem 3 has an outer face 3a and an inner face 3b. The sealing elements 6 are joined to the inner face 3b of hem 3 and in combination with hem 3 abut up against the respirator 5.

On page 10, at line 10, please amend the paragraph as set forth below:

To enable poisonous materials, in particular warfare agents, to strike through the hood 1 and/or, alternatively, to ensure removal of any poisonous materials which have succeeded in penetrating into the hood 1, it may be provided that the hood 1 is fully or partially lined on its inside surface with an inside material (*i.e., a liner*) which comprises an adsorption-capable material, in particular activated carbon, for example in the form of activated carbon granules or spherules or activated carbon fibers.

Alternatively or in combination with such an adsorption-capable material it may be provided that the inside material comprises a water vapor pervious, at least essentially gas and/or air impervious barrier layer which prevents or at least retards the passage of harmful gases or liquids, in particular chemical warfare agents. Such inside materials, which are endowed with an absorptive layer and/or a barrier layer, are known as such from the prior art. Reference may be made in this regard for example to DE 198 29 975 A1, DE 39 39 373 A1, DE 38 15 720 A1, DE 195 19 869 A1, DE 198 42 274 A1 and DE 102 40 548, whose respective disclosure contents are hereby incorporated herein by reference.